

GERMANS STILL FALLING BACK BEFORE BLOWS OF THE ALLIES

British and French Alike Report Advances—Sir Douglas Haig Drawing Nearer To Cambrai While Neville Gains To South

RUSSIANS REPULSED WHEN THEY STRIKE IN VOLHYNIA

Austrians Attack Italian Trenches In the Julian Alps, But Are Repulsed After Heavy Fighting; Battle Again In Macedonia

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NEW YORK, March 28.—The gigantic armies of the Entente and the Central Powers are fighting, striking, retreating, blocking, maneuvering for advantage on almost every one of the fronts, but with the exception of the steady retirement of the Germans on the line from Arras to Laon, in western France, the changes as reported yesterday were comparatively unimportant.

The French are still battering their way forward along the road to Laon. Yesterday morning they had driven their lines into the heart of the Forest of Courcy, where the Germans had constructed trenches to hold them back, but the artillery cleared the way for the infantry and the official communique last night announced that the whole of the lower sections of the forest have been taken from the invaders, together with the villages of Petit Varis, Vereuil, Courcy-Laville and Courcy Le Chateau.

By night fall the advance of the French had succeeded in reaching the outskirts of the Forest of Saint Gobain, due east of Laon, and just south of the road between Laon and La Fere. Thanks to the cover afforded by the forests the German retirement was stayed a time yesterday, but the searching guns found the enemy and drove him out of his positions, before he had time to consolidate them.

On their section of the French line the British are also doing well. They have driven forward with hardly a pause in the last forty-eight hours, in their advance toward Cambrai, while farther to the south, in the direction of Saint Quentin, their gains have been even more marked, and Berlin yesterday announced that the Entente troops have entered the town of Roisel.

Roisel is midway between Saint Quentin and Cambrai on the main railroad between those two cities, and is in itself an important junction point, one line of the railroad running to Cambrai, due north, while another ran to Peronne, and the third branched to the south to Saint Quentin. The British line south of Roisel is now beginning to climb a gentle slope, the incline being gradual from their present positions in that sector clear to the Belgian boundary line, save where the Somme valley cuts into the rolling uplands of that part of France. Among the other villages taken yesterday by the British, but nearer to Cambrai are Longavesnes, Liermont and Equancourt.

Huge masses of Germans have been transferred to both the Russian and the Italian fronts, according to despatches from Petrograd and Rome, and they have struck with more or less force in both those theaters of the World War. South of Baranovichi in Volhynia, where the desperate fighting of last Spring and Summer brought the great drive of Brusiloff to a standstill, the Germans sent out waves of gas, which caught the Russians unprepared, and forced them out of their trenches. Berlin claims to have captured three hundred Russian prisoners in this fighting, but Petrograd announced that the Germans were later repulsed.

RAILROADS ASK FOR INCREASED RATES

Every Line In the United States Joins In Call For Assistance From Uncle Sam

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

WASHINGTON, March 28.—Every railroad in the United States is now included in the number which have either asked permission of the Interstate Commerce Commission to increase their freight and passenger rates or are preparing to do so within the next ten days. The decision of the Supreme Court holding the Adamson Act unconstitutional has resulted in a very substantial increase in the operating expenses of practically every line, an increase which the railroads claim justifies their request for increased rates. The railroads of the Western States are preparing to ask for an increase in their rate schedules of fifteen per cent flat. The Southwestern lines want even more, their requests ranging from an increase of eighteen per cent to one of twenty-one per cent.

The preliminary arrangements for filing these requests with the interstate commerce commission were made yesterday.

NAVY LEAGUE PLANS BIG RELIEF FUND

Will Care For Families of Men Who Enlist In Answer To Daniels' Last Call

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

NEW YORK, March 28.—The Navy League announced yesterday its plan for raising funds for the relief of the wives and children of recruits for the navy, who answer the call for men sent out recently by Secretary Daniels. It is intended to follow the Canadian system of giving graded amounts, supplementing the government allowance to all dependents, of men entering the naval service.

BERLIN TALKS PEACE WITH RUSSIANS NOW

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

LONDON, March 28.—Despatches to the Exchange Telegraph News Service from its correspondent in Amsterdam last night, reports that Berlin advisers are full of rumors that the German authorities have again offered a separate peace to Russia. The terms it is reported, include the complete autonomy of Poland, the internationalization of Constantinople and a Russian protectorate in Armenia.

BRITISH GOVERNMENT IS SCORED BY IRISH SOLO

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

LONDON, March 28.—John Dillon, Nationalist member of the house of commons yesterday made a bitter attack upon the government, declaring that the censorship has been greatly increased of late. "It has been the policy of the government," said Dillon, "to suppress the truth and to circulate falsehoods."

DESTROYERS SUNK

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

LONDON, March 27.—An announcement was made today that two British destroyers have been sunk in the war zone, one by contact with a mine and the other by coming into collision with a steamer.

Further south in the neighborhood of Lutsk, in Volhynia, the fighting of last year was resumed, for the first time in months, and the Russians struck vigorously at the German lines. Berlin claims to have repulsed the attacks, but Petrograd claims that the fighting is going forward.

In Rumania the Russians are also waking up after their long rest, and Berlin yesterday reported heavy fighting in the Tretos Valley. It is claimed by the German general staff that the Russians have been prevented from attacking by the massed German artillery.

While this activity on the Eastern front was going on, the Austrian and German cohorts in the Julian Alps were launching a number of attacks against the Italian forces holding that line. At first they were successful, but counterattacks by the Italians drove them out of the captured trenches, between Cervo and Trigido. In Macedonia the French struck at the German and Bulgarian lines in the neighborhood of the Cervagna Crest, in Serbian Macedonia, driving the Teutons and their allies, the Bulgars, backward, and capturing four hundred yards of trenches.

BEST MEDICINE MADE

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MILITIAMEN HELD IN SERVICE Fifty Thousand Ready For Duty

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

WASHINGTON, March 28.—No new regiments of national guards were called into the federal service yesterday, but the force available for police duty and for the guarding of public buildings, bridges, munition plants and other places which it would benefit an enemy to destroy, was increased some fifteen thousand yesterday by the order holding up the previous mustering out order affecting a number of regiments just back from the border. Altogether there are now enrolled in the federal service and immediately available a militia force for fifty thousand men.

In order that there may be no trouble about the payment of this force, in the absence of a congressional appropriation at this time, the federal reserve board yesterday issued an order making army vouchers negotiable paper in any federal reserve bank.

It is thought that the banks will be called upon to honor these vouchers to an amount up to fifty million dollars before the necessary appropriations may be put through congress.

SOLONS PLAY POLITICS IN FACE OF BIG CRISIS

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

WASHINGTON, March 28.—Opposition developed yesterday to the suggestion of Representative Mann, Republican floor leader in the house, that the house be organized on a bipartisan basis in view of the national crisis, with which object in view he announced his own withdrawal from his candidacy for the speakership in the interest of harmony. Preliminary conferences were held yesterday between the Democratic and Republican leaders, at which friction developed, to be followed after the conference with statements from both sides. The Republican spokesmen evidenced their opposition to the plan of Mr. Mann to reflect Speaker Clark without opposition, objecting that to give up the fight for the control of the house now, when a Republican organization is possible, is to admit before the nation that the country would suffer in this crisis under a Republican organization. They urge that the fight be made. Speaker Clark, speaking for the Democrats, declared that the Republican offer of a bipartisan organization means that the Republicans desire in this way to secure a measure of control which they could not get otherwise. The Speaker stated that he had found only one Democratic member in favor of the acceptance of the Mann offer. The rank and file of the party, Clark said, is behind him in his fight for reelection and, with the assured support of the independents, he is certain of being elected on Monday. It is not believed that there will be any attempt at this special session to enact any of the President's railroad legislation, nor will the matter of suffrage or prohibition be taken up.

FRESH GERMAN PLOTS ARE UNCOVERED Arrests Made In New York and Chicago

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

NEW YORK, March 28.—Fresh evidences of further German plots against this country came to light here and in Chicago yesterday with the arrest in this city of four men implicated in a conspiracy to transport rubber to Germany, in violation of the customs regulations of the United States government, which has been standing behind the formal customs declarations which in turn are being taken at the face value by the officials of Great Britain. The disclosures of the plot in Chicago were more sensational. Kurt Krueche and Paul Zell, two alleged conspirators, have been arrested there on charges connected with Teuton plots. They were traced from San Francisco by secret service men and now await formal charges being placed against them.

FIREMEN FROM CHIEF DOWN ARE GIVEN INCREASE IN THEIR PAY

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

The board of supervisors last night granted Fire Chief Thurston an increase of \$25 a month. Other officers of the fire department were granted increases, the grand totals amounting to an increase of \$5275.00 a month. Police Commissioner E. P. Fogarty who has been making a fight for this raise was present at the meeting to keep things moving, and expressed his delight at the action of the board. Judge J. M. Hatch made the motion which was supported by Ben. Hollinger. W. Larsen protested against the heads of any departments getting an increase in salary. He had no objection to employees having their salaries advanced. In fact he thought it only right that they should when the present high cost of living is taken into consideration. Hollinger disagreed with Larsen. He thought that Fire Chief Thurston should get his increase. It is one of the few public departments which is classed as efficient, he said. Emergency Hospital Steward Stevenson also had his salary increased \$25 a month. B. Horner pointed out the efficient manner in which this officer was handling his work, and the increase met with unanimous approval. Daniel Logan thought the milk inspector should have his salary increased from \$120 to \$150, and after a brief discussion the board held the same opinion. Mr. Logan said that the milk inspector had been making exhaustive inspections of late, and the duties had never been carried out in a more efficient manner. John A. Wise is the most able park superintendent we have had, declared Ben Hollinger, "and I move that his salary be raised \$25 a month." The proposal passed without protest, as also did the motion to increase park assistant's salaries to the extent of \$175 a month.

Among the other increases on the appropriation made by the board last night were: J. H. Harbottle and A. St. C. Pinnale, district court department, \$15 and \$10 a month respectively. Purchasing agent and committee clerk, \$25 a month; Inspectors Black and Pearce, each \$25 a month. The city engineer's salary was increased to \$100 a month. Maintenance and upkeep of police force, from \$36,250 to \$36,370 for the three months term. The amount for the upkeep and maintenance of public baths was previously set at \$200 a month, with permission to make further claims when necessary. The board decided to allow a set sum of \$400 a month without any increase. The following additions were made to the appropriation: election and registration expense \$6500 for the three months term; fish department, janitor \$182 for the three months; maintenance of roads, Waimanalo \$1000 a month; Water and sewer rates, \$6000 for the three months term; and expense, bank examiner's audit \$200, for the same period were deleted from the appropriation.

Suggestions for increases in the road tax special fund were made as follows, and submitted to the finance committee for consideration: district of Honolulu \$10,000 to \$15,000; district of Ewa \$10,000 to \$15,000 for the latter; district of Waimanalo \$1000 to \$1500; district of Koolauloa \$750 to \$1250; district of Kona \$400 to \$1000; district of Koolau (Waimanalo) \$400 to \$750 for the term of three months. The district of Wahiawa was held over.

Hilo, March 26.—With the record made by Representative Bernard H. Kelekolio in the present legislature by the number of bills introduced the "Boy Orator" has been patted on the back, figuratively, for being a hustler. But soon, it is reported, Speaker Holsten recognized a number of old friends, bills which had been "killed" in former legislative sessions. He made an investigation and it is now being told about that Archivist Lydecker, in charge of the old records of forgotten legislatures, acknowledged to the speaker of the house that he had refused to loan Mr. Kelekolio copies of old bills.

"However," Mr. Lydecker is reported to have stated, "Representative Kelekolio spent an entire week among the archives just before the opening of the legislature copying old bills, and I see that many of them have been introduced at this session." As one of his friends is reported to have said: "Bernard, how could you?"

WILSON'S FIRM STAND CUTS WAR INSURANCE

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

NEW YORK, March 27.—As a result of the decided stand taken by President Wilson for the protection of American ships trading with European powers within the submarine zone, marine insurance on transatlantic vessels declined one to two points. Five millions gold bullion was today received from Canada and deposited to the account of J. P. Morgan and Company, making the total for the year of \$239,700,000.

ONE ATTEMPT TO SAVE MAUI FAILED Tried To Patch Up Hull But Heavy Seas Prevented Work

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

HILO, March 26.—Word was received by Manager Peter Phillips, of the Hilo office of the Inter-Island Steam Navigation Company, this morning, from Marine Superintendent William McKay, that there is a possibility of saving the steamer Maui, which went on the reef off the North Kona coast a week ago. The steamer Likiep arrived on the scene Sunday afternoon with 1000 empty gasoline drums, and it is the scheme of Superintendent McKay to fill the hull of the Maui with these empty drums before dragging her off the reef, so that she will be kept afloat.

It is reported here that an effort was made to patch up and pump out the water in the forward hold, but this proved to be a failure, as it is impossible to work in the heavy seas that have been pounding on the reef this past week. The hope is that with the assistance of the gasoline drums the steamer can be kept afloat, when pulled off, so as to bring her to the drydock at Honolulu.

The Inter-Island steamer Noonan sailed from Honolulu last Saturday with 175 tons of fertilizer for Kaunapali and will be kept on the run until further notice.

LEASE HOMESTEADS IS BALDWIN'S PLAN

Maui Senator Introduces Bill Changing Existing Laws

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

When John Doe takes out a homestead today, he may by neglect or connivance defeat the purpose of the law under which the land was transferred to him, but the government has no remedy. Senator Baldwin introduced yesterday a bill which is designed to remedy this state of affairs. It would permit homesteaders to lease not more than eighty, instead of forty, acres of agricultural lands, and not more than 255 acres of pastoral lands, for 999 years at an annual rental to the government of four per cent on the appraised value of the land.

If the tenant fell in arrears, his lease could be terminated like any other lease and title still would vest in the government. Moreover, besides providing the government with an income from its homesteading lands, it would enable the small farmer to compete with the plantations, something he is not able to do now, if the plantation waste lands.

Under the proposed law, plantation and small farmer alike would make application for a lease and instead of the lease being auctioned to the highest bidder, the choice would fall by drawing lots.

BELGIAN WORKINGMEN SEND APPEAL FOR AID

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

WASHINGTON, March 27.—An appeal from the workmen of Belgium for the assistance of the neutral nations has been issued by the Belgian legislature here. The appeal says that 600,000 men have been thrown out of work in the face of the German decree "that they must either sign a contract to work in Germany or they would be taken there as slaves." The working classes declare that they are threatened with slavery on the one hand and with death by starvation on the other.

ONE KILLED AND NINE HURT BY EXPLOSION

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

LONDON, March 28.—It was officially announced last night that one worker was killed and nine more or less seriously injured by the explosion of a large munition factory in the north of England yesterday afternoon. The damage done was not serious.

COLLEGE WOMEN TAKE UP RED CROSS WORK

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

LARAMIE, Wyoming, March 28.—Red Cross work has been taken up by women students of the University of Wyoming, with a view to serving the country in the event of war. Young women members of the faculty of the institution also are taking a keen interest in the training.

AN IMPROVED QUININE DOES NOT AFFECT THE HEAD

Because of its tonic and laxative effect, LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE will be found better than ordinary Quinine. Does not cause nervousness, nor ringing in the head. Remember, there is only one "Bromo Quinine." The signature of E. W. Grove is on each box.

PRESIDENT WILL ASK FOR DECLARATION OF STATE OF WAR FROM LAWMAKERS

Washington Official Circles Believe That Chief Executive Will Outline Vigorous Policy In His Message Next Week, and Will Ask For Large Credits and Full Use of Military and Naval Forces Against the Kaiser

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

WASHINGTON, March 28.—That President Wilson will lay down a vigorous policy in the message he is to deliver to congress when it convenes in extraordinary session on Monday, calling for a declaration that a state of war with Germany exists, is the general opinion in official circles here, following the meeting of the President with his cabinet yesterday afternoon. While the proceedings at the cabinet meeting are, necessarily, secret, it is known that at yesterday's session the President spoke plainly and showed himself in "a fighting mood."

MESSAGE NOT YET WRITTEN

The President has not yet written the message he is to read to congress either on Tuesday or Wednesday, immediately following the organization of the house. He is withholding the exact wording of what is expected to be a most momentous state paper in order that the possibility of having to redraft it because of late developments may be avoided, but it is known that the general outline of the message has been shaped.

The policy decided upon will be vigorous and the message will be comprehensive in its language. It will call for an unqualified declaration of war and will request the authority of congress for the employment by the President of the full use of the military and naval forces of the United States for the protection of the rights of American citizens.

WILL ASK FOR LARGE CREDITS

The message will also ask for the voting of large credits for the war and navy departments to carry out the administration's plans for an aggressive campaign in the protection of America's rights on the seas, while the passage of a Censorship Bill, an Espionage Bill and a bill to largely increase the secret service will be urged. No decision has as yet been reached in the matter of providing financial assistance for the Powers of the Entente, with whom the United States will soon be allied in the war, but there is a widespread sentiment in favor of voting such assistance.

Yesterday morning the desires of the President were by no means so clearly evident. It was reported on what was taken to be good authority that the President had not made up his mind definitely as to the course he should pursue and he was represented as open minded, with three courses before him.

THREE COURSES ARE OPEN

Senator Hitchcock of Nebraska called at the White House yesterday morning and had a long conference with the President, later outlining the three courses which were open to congress.

First is the passage of a resolution indorsing Wilson's armed neutrality policy and authorizing, and providing for further preparedness.

Second, the declaration that a state of war exists and has been in existence between the United States and Germany as was done in the case of the Spanish American War.

Lastly, a direct and unqualified declaration of war upon Germany.

Hitchcock declared that in the West the sentiment is for the first of these courses, for an armed neutrality rather than for a state of declared war.

GERMANS GUILTY OF FRESH OUTRAGES

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

LONDON, March 27.—Another outrage is laid to the ruthless submarine campaign of Germany in the torpedoing of the British hospital ship Austria. Reports received today assert the ship was sunk without warning, thirty-one being killed when the torpedo exploded against her side, and twelve missing. The despatch gives no indication of where the tragedy occurred or how many were saved.

The Austria, 12,000 tons, was owned by the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company, and was built at Belfast in 1908. She was formerly in the South American trade.

WEST COAST ACTS

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, California, March 27.—The athletic manager here today telegraphed the University of Washington recommending that the Pacific Coast Athletic Conference scheduled to be cancelled in the event of war being declared against Germany.

COTTON WORTH MILLIONS DESTROYED BY FLAMES

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

GALVESTON, Texas, March 28.—Lloyd's agent here was informed last night of the destruction of 500,000 bales of cotton on the wharves at Vladivostok. The cotton, valued at ten million dollars, is reported to have been destroyed by fire.

GERMAN DIVERS TOLL FOR MARCH IS LARGE

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

LONDON, March 27.—Shipping to the total of 420,000 tons has been sunk by Teuton submarines during the month of March, according to an announcement made by Lord Charles Berkeford in the house of lords today.